



Queenstown Forum – Monday 11th May 2015, 83 attendees

Wanaka Forum – Wednesday 13th May 2015, 20 attendees

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Introduction

The aim of this report is to capture the outcomes of the Queenstown and Wanaka Transport forum in a way that can help the Task Force shape its recommendations. It records the community's long term aspirations, their views about current challenges facing transport in the Lakes District, priority issues and issues that need to be addressed in the shorter term.

Describing Future Success

Forum attendees were invited to supply their ideal 'headline' for the Lakes District in 2035. The following themes and ideas were put forward. ** indicates where an idea was described more than once.

Wanaka

- Integrated Transport System Suits All***
- Wanaka least congested town in the world*
- Wanaka leading the way with effective Transport Solutions
- Cycle tourism booms in Wanaka
- Solar flights to Mars from Wanaka Airport
- Ecological Cool Wanaka declares independence from Queenstown
- Nasa balloon launches passenger flights from Wanaka
- Matter transport system perfected in Wanaka
- Kids rides electric horse to school
- NZTA accused of favouring bikes

- Private car ownership lowest in the world
- Jetstar flights at an all time high out of Wanaka Airport
- Crowne Range tunnel celebrates 10yr Anniversary
- Free transport, solar charging free for all
- Aucklanders say – not fair, Wanaka pays too little at the pump
- Transport museum displays last private car
- NZTA recognises Wanaka’s safety record
- Wanaka kids ride safely to school

Everyone attending the forum gave one word that described success. These were compiled into a wordle:

Wanaka:



What are the big issues for Transport in the Lakes District

Attendees were asked to discuss in their groups the big issues for Transport in the region. They then voted to assess the highest priorities/importance. These issues were then workshopped in the next session.

Wanaka Big Issues and Priorities:

Theme	Issue/Description	Score
Cultural Change	Locals – challenge of changing habit and culture eg to get into the car and do the school run. You could provide the best free public transport but people still wouldn’t use it. It has to be sold/psychology of using	45

	<p>public transport. Our lifestyles have been created around a habit of driving eg. Your timetable for the day only allows 10min for driving to a location rather than allowing 30min to bike. Eg Europe where it is not an option to drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of incentives for shared or electric vehicles. • Roads aren't bike friendly or safe for scooters etc 	
Strategic Planning	<p>Strategic Planning for the future and an integrated master plan. Eg car, parking, cycleways, public transport, special events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It seems presently to be ad hoc planning and development - Electric cars/bikes <p>Need to plan for growth now. Currently not recognised as an issue by many in Wanaka but good planning now will mean no problems in the future. Purchasing of land for transportation, truck bypass, safe walking and cycling tracks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fragmented centres with planning car centric and centred around cars. • Insufficient walkway/alt routes – eg commuter trails • Lack of dedicated parking for campervans etc 	38
Road Safety	Road safety for all including elderly, tourists, cyclists and pedestrians. Children should be able to cycle to school safely.	8
Fossil Fuels	Peak Oil reliance currently	6
Funding	Commercial vs community. Who pays for transport infrastructure? Should it be user pays eg parking, taxes, visitors? Is Queenstown spending all the budget? Low population density means public transport uneconomic.	6
Environmental	Keeping the 'jewels' of Wanaka intact eg Pembroke Park, Lake and foreshore, local vistas	3
	Pollution from cars, trucks, planes etc	2
Tourism	Lack of support for tourists, need for more communication on expectations, options for tourist travelling through the area. Air transport. Education for o'seas drivers.	2
Carcentricity	Potentially the need for incentives for alternative transport, provision for cycleways, planning of walkways for 'commuters'	1
Accessibility	Potential risk to Wanaka with only two main arterial routes and the airport. Access to Wanaka CBD, lake, must keep the 'jewels'. Access to transport options for youth, unfit, elderly etc.	1

Population density	Relatively low density and remote with dispersed population puts pressure on transport infrastructure esp funding	1
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Wanaka participants also provided one word to describe the greatest challenge currently facing the area. These words were put into a wordle:



Outcomes and Solutions

Attendees were then asked to group according to their area of interest based on the priorities they had voted on. The groups were asked to look at their priority and identify the issue, critical driving influences, ideal future outcomes and potential solutions/next steps.

Priority	Issue	Critical Driving Forces	Ideal Outcomes	Potential Solutions
Planning for the Future		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population growth, technology, cost, demographic change. • Locals/Community/Visitors/Tourists, Local Govt, Regional Govt, National Govt, NZTA • Developers • Public Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant Community Sustained • Low cost/low emission accessibility • Managed traffic growth • Balance • Multi modal transport choice, affordable public transport • Electric vehicle infrastructure • Biodiesel infrastructure • Alternative energy available. • Measures – Happiness factor • Bonded councillors • No. of car parks per ratepayer • Never more than 400m from public transport – decreasing over time • Wanaka leading not following • People understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivise transport by Education/information • Car parking charges • Shorter time periods for parking • Each new connection has cycle/walk/Public transport • Planning – thinking more 50years • Transport Hub – park n ride • Shared space • Better quality decisions made by stakeholders. • Potentially buy all house east side of Anderson Road

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emissions 20% of today's – May 2015 • Decrease of \$ per household per week spent • Commuter flows from Cromwell/Hawea 	
Cultural Change	Convenient/Habit to drive/ easy choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too easy to drive • Lifestyle based on car use – time poor • Cost is irrelevant for some/many • Lack of sharing, advantage of car • Lack of communication on car sharing? • Lack of motivation to change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly monkeys • Children safely walking/cycling to school • Diverse choices for transport depending on requirement • More ride sharing, car pooling etc • Automated vehicles/buses/highway driving • Innovative solutions no yet dreamed up • Connections between communities eg 3 parks, downtown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing transport via apps • Internet shopping and delivery • Better bike lanes eg Dutch as an example • More shared space/cleared areas • Parking hubs, less on road parking • Need to start thinking about 3 parks • Not just one way into town • Provisions/communication of parking for campers • A cost for parking? - council needs return on investment • Skifield responsible for workers parking in town/workers accommodation out of CBD • Parking \$ contribution from businesses who use parks • Seasonal charges for parking • Education and engagement • Branding – non car use for Wanaka

